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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to make is mid-winter report, for it can re-ct the results of a calendar year hich for purposes of comparison ould be our fiscal year.

It has been a most interesting year om a great many standpoints. I ink we have rendered more months missionary service than since I me, as our churches have been more gularly filled than heretofore. At esent we have very few vacancies, mely, Fruitvale, Hayward, Santa osa, Calvary Oakland, Richmond and ntioch. Two of these, i.e. Fruitvale d Calvary, are self supporting.

Many of our churches have made arked improvements in their prop-ty: First Oakland and First Berke-y have completed large and com-anding structures; Boulevard has oved its location and buildings se-uring what is practically a new plant d since moving it has trebled its unday School and nearly trebled its urch attendance. Rio Vista has im-roved its property at an expense of 25,000, including a pipe organ. An-och has spent about $3,500 on its ant, Santa Rosa has renovated and nproved its property, and Sacra-ento has carried through a suc-essful campaign that will soon mean new $125,000 plant.

In the missionary field, Adin and pon have assumed self-support, and aradise expects to reach that happy age with the beginning of April. Our ichmond Church under the care of oel Breed has asked no missionary id except for a woman visitor and as nearly doubled its benevolence iving. Palo Alto reached full self-pport early in the year and has made marvelous showing in benevolence iving. We have been carrying on at ig Creek mid high hopes and dark rebodings.

Outside the missionary field, the ost encouraging advance has been ade at San Mateo. Its growth in embership increase in benevolence nd the fact that they have raised 4,000 this year toward the debt and stalled a $5,500 organ, is a great ompliment to the leadership of Dr. loss. Saratoga has also installed a ew pipe organ which it will dedicate hortly.

Accessions to membership will prob-bly show a record net growth in the onference. In membership as in fi-ances we have been through the pro-ess of liquidation, reaching bottom ast year. First Oakland received 163 t its dedication, First Berkeley about 00, Boulevard and Broadmoor show arked gains, and of the 15 reports hat I have seen, I think there were nly two that showed a net loss.

Looking ahead, we must face many eadjustments due to the action taken t Washington. Greater tasks and eavier responsibilities are to be laid pon the Conferences. We should face he whole task in the spirit of co-peration and of service, ever guard-ng the autonomy of our Conference nd preserving to our churches that which is their lawful heritage. We nay have occasion to differ in many natters of detail, but there is a wealth f experience that can serve us in his hour. In the eight years I have been in the general work, I have never elt more encouraged with the co-peration of churches and ministers han this past year.

OUR HONOR ROLL

The following churches having exceeded their giving of the year 1924, are thus honored with the printing of their contributions for both years, together with the increase of gifts. Those starred met or exceeded their apportionment. The proposed national slogan for next year will be:

"A 25 per cent increase in benevolence giving."

Our Conference shows an increase of over 6 per cent during the past year. We regret that a few churches near to their former giving, could not be included in this list. Let us plan for the 25 per cent increase this current year.

Church	Gave in 1924	Gave in 1925	Increase
Alturas	97.15	118.18	21.03
Angel's Camp	32.57	63.55	30.98
*Berenda	14.72	50.00	35.28
Berkeley, First	7551.22	7924.71	373.49
Biola	96.00	175.00	79.00
Ceres	624.32	636.75	12.43
Cloverdale	364.37	382.50	18.13
Crockett	134.62	159.55	24.93
Dinuba	100.00	210.00	110.00
Fresno-Kreuz	125.00	250.00	125.00
*Fresno-Zion	125.00	220.00	95.00
Fresno-Pilgrim	100.00	200.00	100.00
Fresno-Emanuel	9.16	14.00	4.84
Glen Ellen	53.37	128.00	74.63
Grass Valley	218.24	241.03	22.79
Hayfork	11.40	20.00	8.60
Hayward	25.00	100.00	75.00
Kenwood	84.60	86.42	1.82
Lockeford	66.50	133.85	67.35
Lodi-First	1875.20	2259.05	383.85
*Loomis	222.00	600.00	378.00
Niles	7.10	10.20	3.10
Oakland-Calvary	155.00	218.10	63.10
Oakland-First	5872.10	5970.90	98.80
Oakland-Fruitvale	388.00	424.06	36.06
Oakland-Plymouth	1612.22	2280.13	667.91
Pacific Grove-Mayflower	310.55	452.67	142.12
*Palo Alto	1721.94	2002.00	280.06
Petaluma	1350.60	1392.95	42.35
Reno, Nevada	363.80	421.26	57.46
Salida	2.05	17.10	15.05
San Francisco-Richmond	152.18	207.10	54.92
San Jose	1116.27	1384.55	268.28
San Leandro-Broadmoor	22.04	130.72	108.68
San Mateo	187.28	640.61	453.33
Santa Rosa-First	281.54	307.08	25.54
Saratoga	1279.61	1290.24	10.63
Soquel	170.64	193.00	22.36
Stockton	2445.15	2700.00	254.85
Su.sun	126.27	129.21	2.94
Sunnyvale	114.30	153.00	38.70
Sunol Glen	35.00	40.00	5.00
Tulare	328.14	479.64	151.50
*Woodside	145.50	188.00	42.50
	$30,117.72	$35,005.11	$4,887.39

Comparative Figures 1924-1925		
Jan. 10th-31st	$ 425.75.	$ 682.00
Feb. 1st-28th	2,568.46	2,904.24
March 1st-31st	2,923.42	3,532.70
April 1st-30th	4,846.11	4,036.67
May 1st-31st	3,914.69	3,982.85
June 1st-30th	2,934.67	2,955.40
July 1st-31st	4,664.36	4,454.20
Aug. 1st-31st	2,764.07	2,281.90
Sept. 1st-30th	3,129.80	3,822.38
Oct. 1st-31st	4,449.07	3,861.10
Nov. 1st-30th	3,728.10	3,481.84
Dec. 1-Jan. 11	14,035.45	15,109.06
Total	$50,383.95	$51,104.34

MISSIONARIES GET IT ALL

The American Missionary Association Executive Committee has voted that the entire income of the Hall Fund, which has not been available until this year, should be applied to an average 25 per cent increase on the salaries of all missionaries of the Association. The minimum salary for eight months' work will be $600.00, besides board, laundry, room and travel. Missionary positions in the schools of the A. M. A. will still call for a great deal of sacrificial service, but the generous legacy of Mr. Hall will help to bring the A. M. A. nearer to giving its workers that "living wage" which is insisted upon in the new social creed adopted by the National Council.

THE FOREFATHERS DAY OBSERVANCE

Upwards of 250 loyal Congregationalists assembled for dinner in the new dining room of First Church Oakland to celebrate Forefather's Day, Monday, December 21st. Much credit belongs to Dr. Miles B. Fisher for suggesting and planning what was a most notable event in our Bay Fellowship. There are many who have expressed the hope that such gatherings become more frequent.

The genial pastor of First, Dr. Robert E. Brown, proved a delightful toastmaster, and the music of the occasion was contributed by a quartette of that church. The meal was furnished by the Women's Association of the Church. It was abundant, delicious and attractively served.

The addresses of the evening were of an unusually high order. Dr. McCall of the First Church Berkeley gave an inspiring and informing address on "The Birth of a Nation," giving due recognition to our English backgrounds, and Mr. Chester H. Rowell with his virile and magnetic personality, spoke upon "The Permanence of Democracy." His ringing challenge to a more comprehensive understanding of Democracy and its opportunities will live in many minds for many years.

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

More than usual interest centers in the annual gathering of the Boards at Chicago on account of the proposed merger and the inauguration of the Promotional Council. Those attending from this district are:

Mrs. Ranney
Dr. Robert E. Brown
Rev. John C. Prince
Dr. H. F. Swartz
Rev. Harley H. Gill
Dr. George W. Hinman
Rev. Jerome C. Holmes
Mrs. W. W. Ferrier
Supt. Minchin

The future of the present district offices is in the balance and the outcome of this meeting is awaited with keen interest.

PALO ALTO—On the Sunday before Christmas the Palo Alto Church held a Christmas vesper service and an evening Forefathers Day program. For the vesper service at 5:30 the church was lighted only by candles, many beautiful candelabra being loaned for the occasion. The program began with the distant caroling of Sunday School children, after which the vested choir of 27 voices entered from the rear singing the processional hymn, "From the Eastern Mountains." The service lasted precisely one hour and was entirely musical, the effect of the Christmas carols sung in the semi-darkness being very beautiful.

The church had been crowded for this service, and at its close most of the people remained for tea and a social hour in the parlors. At 7:30 the audience assembled for the Forefathers Day program. The unique feature of this was the Procession of the Pilgrims, a reproduction of the daily parade of the entire colony to the summit of Burial Hill as a demonstration to the Indians in the dark days of the first winter. In dead silence the Mayflower people entered, preceded by a young Pilgrim with a drum. First came Bradford, Brewster and Standish, impersonated by three of the Stanford faculty. Then at intervals groups of women and children followed, each group protected by an armed man. The procession moved around the church, halted now and again by the roll of the drum, and finally formed a striking tableau on the platform with uncovered heads, while Elder Brewster (Prof. W. H. Davis) read some ancient words of prayer and exhortation. Then the men resumed their tall hats and all sang "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past." Addresses by Prof. W. L. Burdick and by Rev. E. C. Oakley formed the speaking part of the program.

This church has long prided itself upon not letting a year pass without commemorating in some fitting way the Landing of the Pilgrims.

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NEWS FROM TURKEY

The Ministry of Interior has notified all the provinces to inform all those concerned of the necessity of taking strict measures against all the government officials, who, in spite of the new laws obliging them to wear hats, have either been bold enough to continue wearing fezes, or, enkindled by the fire of fanaticism have resigned their offices disregarding the obligation of leadership which falls on the shoulders of the enlightened.

Some reactionaries in Marash have taken the religious flag in the mosque and have marched on the government houses crying out 'We do not want hats!" The reactionaries have been immediately driven away by strict measures taken by the local government officials and some forty persons have been arrested. Some of the initiators of this trouble have managed to escape and are being searched for by special police.

The Tribunal of Independence found out the man who had been secretly distributing papers to the houses in Sivas making propaganda against hats and has condemned him to death.

It is decided that hereafter the bachelors should pay fivefold of what the married pay to the government as personal tax.

Three hundred and forty-six children were sent to the Poor Farm within the last eleven months. One hundred and sixteen of these have been turned over to those who have applied for young boys or girls and another 116 of them have died from diverse diseases. So, at present, the Poor Farm is taking care of 114 children. Compared with last year, there is a decrease of ten per cent in the death rate of children. Attempts are made to better the milk-house of the Poor Farm. Seventy piastres are spent for the food of five children daily. This sum is twenty piastres more than what is spent for the same number of adults as the children are fed three times a day getting enough eggs, milk and cocoa.

EXTRACTS FROM TWO LETTERS RECEIVED FROM JAMES K. LYMAN, MARASH, TURKEY.

December 1, 1926.

"We hear that the government has decided to do away with the Arabic alphabet, adopting the Latin alphabet in its place. If this be true, it will do much to change the whole trend of life in this land.

The changes are coming so thick and fast that it almost makes us dizzy. The adopting of western dress and manners. The putting on of hats in the place of fezes. The removing of veil and donning of hats for the women. The adopting the Christian methods of counting time, the taking up of the Latin alphabet, are a few that are being brought about with a rapidity that is revolutionary for the East. It is hard to believe our eyes and ears. We are adopting the Switzerland law in toto, we hear. This will do away with plural marriage and make many other important changes. There is also talk that we are to observe Sunday instead of Friday. We can hardly wonder that the people are disturbed and that in several places have protested. According to the Turkish papers in Erzroom a protest was made on the part of the people. Some eighty were arrested of whom some sixteen have been sentenced to death. Our Marash protest has not been so marked though a good many are awaiting trial.

Day before yesterday, the Austrian engineer, Prof. Garnigg sent word that he was going to Aintab in the morning and that if I wished to go along there was a place in the auto for me. It was then late in the evening, but I managed to get my residence paper signed by the police, so yesterday we went to Aintab in the morning and came back in the evening. It seems funny to move around so fast in this country. I had a chance to see the friends in Aintab and do some errands.

Mr. Isley had just had a demand for back taxes to the tune of two thousand pounds. So among other things I went to the government with him to see about the matter. It seems that, it is because America has not signed the Lausanne Treaty that they are asking taxes upon our institutions. They try to point out that now that the capitulations are done away with, our institutions which come under the name of charitable institutions are no longer exempt from taxes as previously. But we are making claim for exemption, not under privileges granted under the capitulations, but under the common law of the land that exempts charitable institutions. We will have some trouble, but eventually we will be exempted as before."

December 11, 1925.

Fezes are no longer seen in Marash. Not all have caps or hats as yet, but they are not wearing fezes. We hear that those who were in official position and did not put on hats the day of the order are going to Angora by request. This takes most of the city-dads as well as a good many others. It seems that the central government will give them a lesson in obedience.

Some of those arrested in connection with the demonstration against wearing hats have been released, while others are going to Angora for a visit. It seems a little harsh, but I presume it will be a very good lesson for Marash to have many of her leading citizens visit Angora and answer charges of disloyalty. Yet one cannot but feel sorry for the families of these offenders.

Every time you get into your auto to go for a ride you make a venture of faith. You thereby express your faith in God's laws of mechanics, your faith in the persons who made the auto and faith in the persons that you meet on the road.

In coming to Turkey we had and are making a venture in faith, faith in God who so loves all men of whatever race, creed or color that he suffers for and with them till they become true sons and real brothers, faith in the native worth and capacity for true sonship and real brotherhood of our less favored brethren in this land, faith in you who have found this Father God and believe in His Kingdom of brotherly men sufficiently to make our venture here possible. May we say that we have every reason to believe that our faith is well placed and that our common venture of faith is to bear rich fruit in transformed lives.

We are living in a land that is going through gigantic changes. Many are in distress, confused by what they do not understand. We pray and hope that we can sympathetically enter into helpful friendship with this people in this time of their need. It is a great opportunity for service and we crave your prayers.

We hear that Admiral Bristol has made a speech setting forth the real conditions and problems of this people to the people of America. We are glad that he has thus started the case for the American people. We hope and trust that it will find a ready response among all those who are truly interested in the coming of brotherly relations between men of all races, nations and colors."

A. M. A.

Miss Fannie Isham of the American Missionary Association Plaza Community work at Seboyeta, New Mexico, writes:

Mr. Parra, our Mexican pastor, arrived Thursday noon and has held meetings each evening since and spoke in Sunday School. We have had a fine attendance until yesterday. Father Roberts, the Catholic priest, came yesterday morning and is still here. A band and acrobats were imported from Albuquerque to be sure and hold his people in the afternoon and evening.

But Mr. Parra had gotten in his good work before, and we find a number who would like to unite with the church. These were here last evening in spite of the greater attractions, and I feel that it gave Mr. Parra a fine chance to give them a heart to heart talk. He meets Dr. Heald today, and will arrange with Mr. Moya to return the middle of January, receive these people into the church and hold communion. If this membership can be started, I am sure there are others who will back this beginning, who have always been loyal to the mission workers. Mr. Parra does not speak disparagingly of the Catholics, and that to my mind is the only way to win.

Saturday night we had a man in the audience who was sought by officers on Friday to be arrested for bootlegging. These people need all the help they can get.

WITH THE WOMEN

PROGRESS AT WAI.

Our women will be interested in the new hospital which is just completed at Wai. Before this new unit was added, hundreds of people had to be turned away, the convalescing patients had to be moved to the floor to make way for those just from the operating room, and some had to be put on the porches. If this hospital could not take them in, there was no place for them to go, as their religion forbids them to be attended by other than a woman physician.

In view of these conditions the following extracts from a letter recently received from Dr. Rose Beals, will tell of somewhat different circumstances there now:

"On the 13th day of November, Friday, we had the Dedication Service of the new buildings. The next morning we moved all the women in the other ward into the new Brewer Hospital, and are just fully enjoying the space and cleanliness and convience of the new building; and we are going to enjoy it more and more, for it is a splendid place admirably adapted to our needs. The Nurse's Home is not yet finished. And so we were exceedingly overjoyed to get word of the cable from the W. B. M. P. to our Treasurer saying that there is $1500 more available, a gift from an individual, to finish it with a suitable suite for Miss Andrews. At least that is the way we interpret it."

Dr. Beals describes the dedication services as follows:

"Dr. Hume, Senior, was in the chair and offered the dedicatory prayer, which was a beautiful declaration of our gratitude of God for this wonderful gift of a Hospital and Nurse's Home, and our longing that it may be a blessing to this people. It was in Marathi.

Mr. Devadhar, the speaker of the occasion, is an Indian with great sympathy and appreciation of Mission work. He is the Vice-President of the Servants of Indian Society, an indigenous philanthropic institution which is carrying on a big work in Poona and other places. He gave a very sympathetic and helpful address, first in English and then in Marathi. Our audience was most enthusiastic over him, and after our service was over took him into the town, and made him make another address there in another place, on some patriotic subject.

Beside our Wai Indian friends, of whom there was a large assembly, we had a good many guests from Satara and Panchgani, our two neighboring towns. When the address was over, we took many of these people around the buildings. And our Christian brothers passed the flowers and pan-supari, which is an aromatic leaf with pieces of betel nut on it. Each guest has this given to him. The speaker and chairman and all the notables of the occasion were garlanded, and great numbers of small nosegays were distributed."

According to the Financial Statement given at the opening of this Hospital, after waiting for years for the money to build it, they were assured in 1924 that enough had been collected to begin operations. At the current rate of exchange, the $20,000 promised them for the two buildings would have been sufficient, but owing to a wholly unforseen drop in exchange, there was a loss of $3,000, which meant that after the buildings were put up there was no money left for equipment except the beds. The operating rooms cannot be equipped without further gifts.

A HUMAN INTEREST STORY

(The following is quoted from the program of dedication of the Methodist Chinese church building at Mexicali, Mexico, across the line from Calexico, California, which occurred on Sunday, January 10th. It is signed by the superintendent of Methodist work for Chinese and Filipinos.)

"In 1908, while enroute from Manila to Rangoon, I was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Hager, Missionaries in charge of the work of the American Board of Missions at Hong Kong and Canton.

Dr. Hager was one of those great souls, always on the alert for God. Later he was in the States on sick leave but spent much time among the Chinese on the Coast. He went to Mexicali where he saw the great opportunity for missionary work.

Dr. Hinman, superintendent of the work of the American Missionary Association, authorized the beginning of missionary work under the direction of Dr. Hager and Stephen Mark who is now in the pastorate at Honolulu.

With the death of Dr. Hager the work manifestly declined until the arrival of a little Chinese bride from China. Dr. Hinman was visiting the work at Mexicali one evening when he found a crowded hall with this convert of our work in China, a bride of only a few months and having just arrived in Mexicali, preaching with much fervor and acceptance to her countrymen. This marks the beginning of permanent work.

Later arrangements gave this work to the Methodist Church but what we see today is the fruit of the devotion and loyalty of a little Chinese woman to her Lord and Master. Business later took her and her husband to Ensenada.

D. H. KLINEFELTER, Supt."

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...ing this season special study ...s for adults and young people ...e promoted with profit. The ...es offered may be Biblical, de-...al, missionary and those pro-...; definite training for Christian ...ship. Some of the books which ...be used for Biblical and devo-... study are, Bosworth's "Life ...eaching of Jesus" and "What It ...s to Be a Christian," Fosdick's ...ern Use of the Bible" and his ... book, Herman's "Creative ...r," Buckham's "Personality and ...ology," Norton's "Rise of ...tianity," and Sperry's "Reality ...orship." Among the valuable ... for mission study are Brown-... "New Days in Latin America," ...ey High's "Looking Forward ... Latin America," McCombs' ...n Over the Border," and Flem-... "Whither Bound in Missions."

...ne churches have found it pos-... to carry on schools or classes ... leadership training offering ...es in "Principles and Methods ...eaching Religion," "Organiza-... and Administration of the ...ch School," "Training the Devo-...l Life," "Church Music and Wor-..." and "Religious Education in ...Home." In some instances such ...ols are conducted on the even-... of the week night service, with ...neral period followed by one for ... of special subjects in depart-...al groups. In other instances ...al classes meet on Sunday eve-...s or at the hour of the Church ...ol.

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...cretary Prince of the Conference ...e will be glad to advise with pas-... superintendents and committees ...erning such schools, leadership ...ning and courses of study. As far ...is time will permit he will visit ...rches in these interests.

NEW BOOKS

..."esus and Our Generation," by ... Charles W. Gilkey, of the Hyde ...k Baptist Church, Chicago, is a ...ulating interpretation of the per-...ality of Jesus. While the chapters ...his book were given as the Bar-...s Lectures of 1925 at six great ...dent centers in India, yet they will be received with appreciation by the western public, which has been eagerly following the thought of men like Fosdick, McConnell and Jacks. These lectures represent the thought of the younger generation of Christian students and suggest something of the reason for Dr. Gilkey's popularity as a college preacher. The book is published by the University of Chicago Press.

E. Stanley Jones, out of a long and fruitful experience as an evangelistic missionary in India, has arrived at some very definite convictions concerning the attitude of India toward Christianity. In "The Christ of the Indian Road" he sets forth these convictions in a manner that will challenge the attention of Christians generally. He declares that "Christian Missions have come to a crisis in India. A new and challenging situation confronts us. It we are to meet it, we must boldly follow Christ into what are, to us, untried paths. In any case, Christian missions are at their beginnings in India. With adjusted attitude and spirit they will be needed in the East for decades and generations to come . . . . Standing among the shadows of Western civilization India has seen a figure who has attracted her. She has hesitated in regard to any allegiance to him, for India has thought that if she took one, she would have to take both—Christ and civilization went together. Now it has dawned upon the mind of India that she can have one without the other—Christ without Western civilization. That dawning is of tremendous significance to them—and to us." This suggestive book is from the Abingdon Press.

"Between Black and White," by H. H. Proctor, is the story of the rise of the author from a cabin in the backwoods of Tennessee to a position of outstanding Christian leadership. The autobiography is a stirring narrative which shows, without stressing, the struggle which the Negro has made in his radical advancement. The author believes that there is opportunity of working out on American soil the new ideal of brotherhood between black and white. He holds that the black man and the white are contrasts, not contraries; complementary opposite, not irreconcilable opponents. Their interests are identical, their destinies inseparable. The book is written in an optimistic mood, showing the author's undaunted purpose and abounding faith. Dr. Proctor has held pastorates in Atlanta and Washington and is now the pastor of the Nazarene Congregational Church in Brooklyn, N. Y. The book is issued by the Pilgrim Press.

"Make Your Church Attractive," published by Pilgrim Press is by the late Dr. Charles H. Richards, who for many years served as secretary of the Church Building Society. He was also chairman of the commission of the National Council which prepared the "Book of Church Services," which is used by thousands of ministers in many lands. Some of the chapters of the book deal with "The Attractiveness of a Well Organized Church," "A Beautiful Service of Worship," "Music in the Church," "An Attractive Service for a Village or Rural Church," and "A Plan of Scripture Reading for the Church Service." A special feature is a lectionary furnishing readings and teachings which give a general survey of the whole Bible in the course of a year.

"The Junior" by Ernest J. Chave, published by the University of Chicago Press, is the result of a detailed study which the author made of the life situations of six hundred and fifty children from nine to eleven years of age. The method of study was simple and could be used with groups of any age. The chapters of the book deal with Important Factors in Life-Situations, Problems of Adjustment, Some Examples of Problem-Solving, Attitudes and Values. Desires and Fears, and Some Conclusions for the Religious Education of the Junior.

"Song and Play for Children," by Frances Weld Danielson and Grace Wilbur Conant, is the title of a book issued by the Pilgrim Press which will be especially valuable to workers with beginners and primary children in both church and week-day schools. There is an abundance of material including Work Songs, Folk Games, Simple Marches, Songs of Friendliness, and Service, Songs of Family Life, Special Days and Seasons, and Music to Suggest Desirable Moods. The book is one of the best answers to children's "What Shall We do Now?"

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CONFERENCE CONTEST AND AWARDS

Plans are on foot for a joint conference at Asilomar for 1926 with dates corresponding to those of 1925. The conference of ministers and churches will hold separate sessions from those of the young people. Program committees for each conference have been appointed with Rev. W. B. Thorp, chairman for the annual conference, and Secretary J. C. Prince for the young people's.

The Conference Council on Young People's Work has authorized a contest in the interest of the coming Young People's Conference with the awards as follows:

(1) To the one who submits the most appropriate motto, or statement of aim, will be given a copy of Dr. H. E. Fosdick's book, "The Twelve Tests of Character."

(2) President H. C. King's book, "Laws of Friendship, Human and Divine," will be given to the writer of the best essay on the theme, "What Our Conference Meant to Me." The writer to deal with the subject from his personal experience in attending the conference of 1925.

(3) Dr. Hill's "The World's Great Religious Poetry" will be awarded to the author of the best poem which can be used for a conference song and sung to a familiar tune.

(4) To the young people's society or group presenting the best conference poster will be given a prepaid registration fee, value $2.00, and a copy of "The Amateur Poster Maker" by Jeanette Perkins.

In connection with the poster contest it is suggested that the young people of each church hold a Conference Poster Contest and that the best one in the local contest be submitted in the competition for the Conference Award.

Contestants must submit their work to the Committee on Awards, addressed at 424 Phelan Building, San Francisco, on or before April 1, 1926. The announcement of awards will be made in the Pacific for April. The judges are Mrs. G. W. Hinman, Dr. J. W. Buckham, Dr. M. B. Fisher and Rev. W. B. Thorp.

WOMEN

The Annual Meeting of the Congregational Women's Missionary Society of Northern California will be held at the First Congregational Church of Oakland on Tuesday, February 2, 1926. This will be an all-day session.

YEAR BOOK REPORTS

Blanks for the annual reports have been sent out and about 10% have been returned. We need to have all reports in by February 1st, as we hope to help get the Year Book out earlier. Two blanks were sent to each church—only one needs to be returned. Be sure to get all reports to us by February 1st.

AS HERRING AND CALDER SAW THE COAST

SAN FRANCISCO AND SUBURBS

San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley. City piled upon city. Great churches, great universities, and all the expanse of sea and sky. No wonder men go there, to make money, to study, to live, to shout. It is big, with an indomitable bigness which even the eternal boosters cannot demean.

The ends of the earth meet here, and every kind of social strain is felt here. The longshoremen on the water front, the builders of houses and office buildings, the workers in shop and factory. The industrial history of San Francisco is spattered with blood. They have suffered tyrannies, the tyrannies of poorly led labor, the tyrannies of badly led capital. Labor today is whipped. Its best leaders admit that they suffer justly for their sins. On the other hand, the Chamber of Commerce, operating through a stepchild of its faith, the Industrial Association, sits on the lid. They manage to keep the flag fluttering over the so-called "American Plan," which is not a very well disguised anti-union proposition. Their organization is strong. Through a steel band of control of credit and material supply the unions are kept in "their places." Espionage flourishes. There is a good deal of complacency in the air. The employers profess themselves content. As one spokesman put it, "Some one must be on top, and we propose to be that one." And they are, for the time being.

But where, we ask, is the group working for reconciliation? There is no hope for the industrial situation in San Francisco, or anywhere else, until the spirit of reconciliation enters in. The churches of San Francisco and the cities about have a large privilege if, through intelligent and persistent survey and study, they can help to build up an energized body of public opinion which will demand something more than the dominance by sheer force of either group over the other.

LOS ANGELES

Oil and real estate and sunshine. Subdivisions reaching out into the desert and dipping into the sea. Cities and towns piled up and overlapping. A business district with great buildings, and with traffic congestion almost as maddening as the Loop and Fifth Avenue. Realtors vying with each other at making big guesses about the population. Great new churches.

Under all the blare of bigness, with much of the naive nonsense of boom days still holding on, there is a reality which cannot but make its impression upon the casual visitor. Los Angeles is here to stay, and there is a stability not to be discounted. When I say Los Angeles I think of the whole district for a hundred miles about, with its lovely cities, its miles of orange groves and all its graces. And the churches are doing their work. They are growing, but better than that, they are thinking.

The industrial situation in Los Angeles is not unlike that of San Francisco. There is the same bitterness, the same unyielding determination on both sides, the same hate. There is the same flaunting with much show of patriotism of the "American Plan," and underneath the same seething discontent. But the forces of reconciliation are also here, and the churches are furnishing their share, and a large share.

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Paradise—

Some months ago the pastor went quietly to the two adult Bible Classes and asked of them that each Sunday morning before they came into the service of worship, prayer should be made for the blessing of God to rest upon the work. This has had a decided affect upon those who prayed and upon the whole service. A spirit of worship has fallen upon the congregation each Sunday morning.

The choir of young people have done excellent work under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Keeler.

The Church is putting forth an effort to come to self support at least by the first of April. The Every Member Canvass surprised the church, as many new contributors were found.

Through a recent visit of Mr. Prince, the pastor has been trying to link the young people up with the church. A Junior C. E. Society has been organized and is doing good work. The young people are planning to send delegates to our Conference next Summer.

Stockton—Dean Abbott has been conducting for some time a most interesting discussion club at the First Church, Sunday mornings. Recently the class discussed the new statement of SOCIAL IDEALS adopted by the National Council with marked interest. At an earlier meeting the club discussed the one-act playlet "Wets and Drys" which was written locally and as a result of the study of the report of the Federal Council of Churches on the subject of prohibition. Those interested in the play should write Mr. Ernest Fox, 22 N. Center St., Stockton. Rev. Harley H. Gill, former pastor of the Church, was present at one of the discussions in which the playlet was being worked out for action.

Rev. J. R. Shoemaker reports that the attendance at the Indian church at Fort Bidwell has averaged one hundred and forty for December. There are fifty-one church members and the Bible classes at the Indian school conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker enroll thirty-two boys and twenty-two girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker send cordial thanks to the many friends who provided gifts for the Indians. There was a fine Christmas tree at the church on the day before Christmas at which two hundred and fifteen presents were given out, and another tree for the children at the school on Christmas eve with a fine program.

Sonoma—A splendid program of Christmas music and sacred songs were rendered by Mrs. Hodgdon and her choir of mixed voices at the Congregational Church Sunday night, December 20th. The Methodists and Episcopaleans joined with the Congregationalists and altogether contributed to a large and appreciative audience.

This was the culmination of an eight-day campaign of music and musical instruction. During this period Mrs. Hodgdon has succeeded in getting together and training a large number of Sonoma's adult singers and many of the young people. Those who belonged to this class are loud in their praises of Mrs. Hodgdon's ability. She is said to be fundamental and thorough. Her technique is splendid and appealing and her voice control is a demonstration of her theory.

The program for this concert consisted of a number of the well-known carols, besides two solos by Mrs. Hodgdon, and the Congregation joining in "Joy to the World." The pastor, Rev. Isaac Cookman, made a few remarks, but almost all of the evening was given over to music.

Ceres—The Every Member Canvass this year was the usual success, only more so! In spite of the serious situation in this valley they underwrote their Benevolence Goal and over $600 more—the first time this ever happened in Ceres E. M. C. And the budget for local expenses was pledged about 95 per cent—also the best yet, Leon S. Francis was chairman of the Steering committee, having this in charge.

The Christmas exercises were very choice and beautiful. Mrs. Atkinson had charge of the Christmas Sunday night service, about thirty people presented the Pantomime Pageant "No Room in the Inn." An oriental Khan was built on the stage and the beautiful lighting effect arranged by the electrician, Charles Crawford, was wonderfully effective.

Kenwood and Glen Ellen—Beautiful Christmas services were held at both Glen Ellen and Kenwood, attracting a considerable group of "outsiders."

Rev. William H. Youngman and his wife spent a whole day among the employees of the Eldridge Sonoma State Home, many of whom attend and support the Glen Ellen Church.

On the evening of December 20th, the church at Glen Ellen held no services, the congregation going to Sonoma to the music service held there under the direction of Mrs. Hodgdon.

Biola—Friedens German Church has almost achieved the impossible. During the past eighteen months they have paid off an indebtedness of close to $8,000, this in a time of scarcity and hard times. They are now headed toward clearing the debt to the Church Building Society. They closed the year with a small surplus in their treasury, besides sending in $175.00 for the apportionment.. We rejoice with these brethren and give them our best wishes as they start the New Year with a clean slate.

Oakland—Plymouth Church canvassers are well-pleased. They were cordially welcomed everywhere; new and friendly contracts were established. They are very much encouraged over the fact that several members have increased their subscriptions and new pledges have been received. The follow-up work is being pushed as energetically as possible, and they hope soon to make an encouraging and complete report.

BERKELEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The sixth interdenominational pastoral conference under the auspices of the Pacific School of Religion will be held in Berkeley at the First Congregational Church on February 1-4. The first lecture will be on Monday evening.

Bishop W. F. McDowell of the Methodist Episcopal Church will give the four evening lectures. Professor E. W. Lyman of Union Theological Seminary, New York City, will deliver three lectures on the philosophy of religion. Rev. C. S. Patton, D. D. of Los Angeles will give three lectures on the minister's use of books. Rev. E. L. Shaver, New England secretary of the Congregational Education Society will lecture three times on religious education. Professor Albert Mansbridge, LL. D., of London, England, lectures on adult education.

The Wednesday afternoon session will be held in the new building of the Pacific School of Religion as a dedicatory service. Dr. C. S. Patton giving the address.

As in the past, many Berkeley homes will offer lodging and breakfast from Monday night to Thursday morning for clergymen registered in the Pastoral Conference.

Early application for entertainment should be sent the committee by those who desire such. Ministers of all denominations are welcome to the Conference. No fees are charged.

BROADMOOR—

The Annual Church meeting was held Friday, January 8th with an attendance of 125 at the dinner table. In interesting and compelling manner the various societies and committees reported the work of the year. The Conference Superintendent sat amazed as the vast amount of work was reported. Mr. Sherman is an indefatigable worker and enthusiasm abounds.

The slogan of this year is "A new Church Building by January, 1927."

SUNNYVALE—The Church at Sunnyvale, which has been without a pastor for some time, has called Rev. H. Wohlford, who has accepted the call and will begin his pastorate immediately.

— H. O. Sheet.

OLEANDER—Although this church has had no regular pastor for some time, they have continued to have regular Sunday morning preaching services under Mr. O. W. Ostrom. The Sunday School has an average attendance of fifty.

DAVIS—Sunday, January 17th the Community Church at Davis hold their services for the laying of the cornerstone of the new church. Rev. Richard C. Day of Loomis will represent the Congregational Conference at this meeting.

BOOKS RECEIVED

Science and Religion: Five So-Called Conflicts, by William North Rice. 53 pages, Price 50 cents. The Abingdon Press, New York.

The Methodist Year Book 1926, Oliver S. Baketel, editor. 303 pages, price 50 cents. The Methodist Book Concern, New York.

The Christian's Personal Religion, by Clarence Tucker Craig. 12 pages, price 75 cents. The Methodist Book Concern, New York.

Life's Westward Windows, by Geo. Preston Mains. 175 pages; price $1.-50. The Abingdon Press, New York.

BAY ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Bay Association will be February 9, at First Church, Oakland, at 2:30.

PERSONALS

Rev. Obed S. Johnson of the Union Theological Seminary, Canton, China, who has been assisting in the work of the American Missionary Association among Chinese in California, and has also made a trip under their direction to visit the large communities of Chinese on the west coast of Mexico, passed his final examination for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the University of California on December 10th. His thesis was "A Study of Chinese Alchemy" showing that Chinese alchemy originated in the philosophical system of Tacism and that there is a probable connection between the alchemy of China and that of Medieval Europe. Dr. Johnson plans to return to his work in China on January 23.

By the death of Dr. Chauncey Goodrich, the veteran missionary of the American board in China, the world loses one of its greatest missionaries.

Dr. Goodrich died in his 90th year after 60 years of service in China. His great work was the translation of the entire Bible into Mandarin, the language of the people. As chairman of the interdenominational committee on translation and as a linguist of extraordinary ability, it fell to him to perform the major part of the work.

It may almost be said that he gave the Chinese nation the word of God in the vernacular. A man of great spiritual insight and poetic gifts, he also rendered a great service to the Chinese churches of all names by providing them with a hymnal which is found today in all parts of China.

RELIGIOUS MOVING PICTURES

An organization to be known as the Religious Motion Picture Foundation, Inc., which has for its purpose the production and distribution of religious pictures for use in the churches, has been created by the Harmon Foundation with the co-operation of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, the latter known better as the Hays' organization.

The first step in the organization's plans is to be experimental in the distribution of pictures. A few programs of the sort of pictures lending themselves to church work will be revised and used experimentally. Along with this work in distribution, will go the production of new pictures. Among the first for which production is contemplated, according to Mr. Andrews, is a series entitled "How We Got Our Bible." The first unit of this series will be on the story of the translation of the New Testament into English by William Tyndale 400 years ago, the anniversary of which is being celebrated this year.

Eight hundred reels of religious and semi-religious subjects, already in existence, were examined. From this enormous amount of material, 11 reels were assembled. These portrayed two Biblical stories: Joseph and His Brethern, and The Exodus. These were edited, re-titled, and animated maps showing the regions in which the episodes took place, were added.

When this work was completed the pictures were shown over a period of two months in suburban churches. The experiment showed that the average attendance in these churches on Sunday evenings on which religious pictures were shown increased 36 per cent, although for the purposes of experiment no advance advertising was used. Not only did more people attend these services than ordinarily, but they declared they learned more from the visual presentation of the Biblical subjects than they did by any other form of teaching.